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What A&D Companies can Learn from
The Creation of Special Effects for Star Trek”

Presenter:

Dan Curry, VES
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Ventura County Chapter Meeting

Thursday, May 27, 2021

Webinar: 8:00-9:00 am pacific time

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The event will be recorded and made available for download by A&D Forum members.

Since the Ventura County Chapter is a new chapter, attendance will be free for its first few months.

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Dan Curry will be the inaugural speaker for the Ventura County Chapter of The Aerospace and Defense Forum. Dan is best known for his imaginative and trailblazing work as Special Effects Supervisor on *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, *Star Trek: Voyager* and *Star Trek: Enterprise* - an 18-year professional journey.

Dan is a leader in developing innovative visions and bringing them to life. Dan will talk about his career trajectory as well as fun and interesting anecdotes along the way.

One of the questions we will explore is what can aerospace and defense companies learn from the innovativeness and out-of-the box thinking required in the special effects industry?

your contact information distributed to other attendees. This is a replacement for copying and distributing business cards at chapter meetings.

- For this meeting, we will not be doing individual elevator speech introductions.

Feel free to pass this invitation on to others you think would be interested.

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Presenter



Dan Curry is a veteran of over 100 feature films and 40 television productions. His visual effects work on STAR TREK was honored with

7 Emmy Awards and 19 nominations. Other awards include a Visual Effects Society Award for best broadcast VFX, an Omni Award, and three International Monitor Awards.

Dan also created the Klingon martial arts style and invented iconic bladed weapons. Dan served as a visual effects department head at 21st Century Fox, Warner Bros, and Paramount Pictures. He was Vice President, Director of Creative Services at Cinema Research Corporation, and Art Director at Modern Film Effects. Dan is a founding member and has represented the Overview Institute at events in Spain and Las Vegas. He was also commencement speaker at three universities and has lectured at the invitation of the Malaysian government, as well as New Zealand, Europe, Thailand, and all over the US. He also joins together with NASA scientists to deliver presentations on the symbiotic relationship between science fiction and real science.

Dan holds an MFA in Film and Theatre. Prior to entering the film industry Dan taught Fine Arts, Film, and Theatre at the university level. He is a former Peace Corps Volunteer in Community Development constructing small dams and bridges in rural Thailand while teaching part-time at Khon Kaen University. Subsequently he directed a Thai language TV series for the Ministry of Education while serving as production designer for The Bangkok Opera, and doing

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freelance art and architecture projects. Dan was the only non-Thai awarded a commission as production designer for the King's Royal Charity Ball.

Dan is a past Governor of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, and is a member of the Directors Guild of America, American Society of Cinematographers, Producers Guild of America, Art Directors Guild, and is a past Board Member of the Visual Effects Society and was honored as a Visual Effects Society Fellow.
